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<http://www.waterdefense.org/#2>

EPA Betrays People of Dimock, PA

Abandoned by the state and the company (Cabot Oil and Gas Corp.) responsible for contaminating their water, the Dimock families breathed a sigh of relief on Friday when the EPA promised that they would begin delivering water immediately. On Saturday morning, EPA representatives announced they would not be delivering the water after all. The EPA has yet to provide any justification for this shockingly abrupt betrayal of its word to the people it is bound to protect. One guess is that it's legal team needs to take a hard look at whether or not the government wants to go on the hook for the massive number of contaminated water supplies it fears will come of fracking. Surely, if the EPA truly believed the contamination of the Dimock wells to be a freak accident unlikely to be repeated with the spread of fracking, it would not hesitate to send a few trucks with water.

Besides being a good indication that the EPA harbors fears of the long-term health costs stemming from frack-caused water pollution, the last minute decision to go back on its creates a crisis situation for Dimock residents. When families harmed by the oil and gas industry are relying on the government's promise for their next day's supply of water, the senseless and autocratic denial of what was promised becomes seriously unjust. How can the EPA fail to respect the fact that these citizens were relying on it for the most basic necessity of life?

Where the government has failed, private citizens must take the initiative to help the families of Dimock receive water deliveries. Please contribute what you can to this fund and take action to pressure the EPA and the state of PA to do the right thing!

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